

# Finance Committee Meeting

November 21<sup>st</sup> 2011

A joint meeting was held with the Board of Selectmen to review the application of Mr. Ira Yohalem to join the Finance Committee replacing William Dowling who had recently moved to Sheffield and had therefore resigned from the committee.

Present were Edgar Zukausaks and Prudence Spaulding with the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Tara White Chairman, Nat Yohalem and Larry Davis. The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM. Ms. White stated that Mr. Ira Yohalem had applied to replace Mr. Dowling for the remainder of the year with the opportunity to run for the open position in May 2012. Mr. Nat Yohalem stated that since Mr. Ira Yohalem was his brother he was recusing himself from the discussion and voting process. Mr. Ira Yohalem stated that he has been a resident of New Marlborough since 1976 and has recently retired from his position in New York City where he ran an accounting agency and is a licensed CPA (which he had been for 45 years). During his time running the agency he had served as an advisor for non-profit as well as profitable businesses, helping them (amongst other activities) prepare budgets and do long term planning. He stated that he had thought that his skills might be put to good use in the Town of New Marlborough. Mrs. Spaulding asked if he was a registered voter, to which he answered "Yes". A motion was made by Ms. White to accept his application and all voted unanimously so to do. The Finance Committee then withdrew from the meeting at 6:45PM.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place at 6:30PM on Monday November 28<sup>th</sup> prior to the Special town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Prudence Spaulding, Secretary

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